# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | Mirrellafloralskirt8.jpg |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 0901658.000 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | English |
| **Applicant:** | The District Court at Lower Hutt |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 28 January 2010 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The file presents a naked young teenager in a contrived and sexualised pose. The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse adults with a sexual interest in young people. Such material encourages viewers to see young teenagers as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect vulnerable young people from exploitation.